

THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON.

Minor Matters of Interest in the Capital City.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25,-Commissioner Lochren has ordered a 30 days' notice sent to Judge Charles D. Long, of Michigan, that unless he furnishes evidence as to total disability his rate of pension will be decreased from \$72 to \$50 per month. A notice of this kind was sent to a Special Examiner with instructions to deliver it personally to Judge Long. The Special Examiner failed to do this, hence the

MONDAY, MARCH 26 .- Secretary Carlisle sent to the House a long report from John M. Clark, late Collector of Customs at Chicago, relating to the administration of customs received at the Exposition from 60 different fereign nations, States, and colonies. They consisted of 162,609 packages, valued in the statement of the exhibitors at \$14,797,693, and required about 8,000 cars to transport them. Of these goods about 25 per cent, have remained in this country. An average duty of 27.94-100 per cent, was paid. Assuming this to have been a fair average of the rate of duty on all exhibits the Collector estimates the American value of foreign exhibits at \$28,090,000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 .- At a meeting of the Board of Trade to-night at Carroll Institute considerable discussion was provoked by the presentation of resolutions condemning the proposed route of the Washington and Alexto run from the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad Station, at the corner of Sixth and B streets northwest, along B street to Twenty-Bixth street, and across the Potomac River on a ferry-boat. It was urged that the steam railway. Mr. Read, of Alexandria, denied that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was back of the street-car company, and merce law. It repeals all punishments by imprisonment for violations of the interstate commerce act, and renders the corporation itself punishable. It also repeals so much of the present law as punishes any shipper or the agent of any shipper for violations of

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 .- Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson. wife of Representative Wilson, of West Vir-Committee, reached here from Texas to-day, after a long vigil at her husband's sick-bed in that State and in Mexico. She called at the Ways and Means Committee-room and was warmly greeted by Representatives C. R. Breckenridge, Strauss, and other personal that her husband was now well on the way to regaining his health. He is rusticating at the ranches at San Antonio, - The paper in the waste-room in the Senate wing of the Capitol caught fire this afternoon and filled the corridors with dense smoke. The fire is supposed to have been occasioned by some one throwing a burning match into the mass of paper. The fire was well under way before it was discovered. It was soon extinguished, but not before the entire Senate end of the building had been filled with smoke so dense that for a few minutes all the corridors were darkened, and it began to look as

because of the discomfort, souri, Chairman of the commission appointed to investigate the status of laws organizing the Executive Departments, introduced a bill in the House to-day "to improve the methods of accounting in the Department of do away with unnecessary duplication, and place the responsibility upon the Auditor. It abolishes the offices of Second and First Deputy Comptroller, and makes the First Comptroller the Comptroller of the Treasury, with one assistant. It is made the duty of the First Comptroller to supervise in general the accounting system. The settlements of the Auditors, except in case of appeal to the Comptroller, will go the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. This will make the Secretary responsible for the general

TRIDAY, MARCH 30 .- Sixth Auditor of the best part of it. Treasury J. B. Brawley resigned. He is the first appointee of prominence under the present Administration who has withdrawn from office. He was appointed April 19, 1893. from Meadville, Pa. The position is worth a year. It is understood that the authorities were not satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Brawley conducted the business of his Department accounts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 .- Capt. J. C. McElroy. mitted to the National Military Park Commission for the approval of the Secretary of War designs for 55 menuments to the regiments and batteries of that State upon the field of Chickamauga. These were approved by Assistant Secretary Doe. The designs are of most noted workers in granite and bronze, and, as a result, some of the best effects vet produced in military monuments have been field before Sept, 19 next. The State of Minnesota will have its five monuments-one of

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

The egg-rolling festivities in the White House grounds were hardly a success Easter Monday. The weather was very cold and windy, although at noon several thousand little ones had assembled near the rear portico of the Executive Mansion. The ever-welcome Marine Band did not appear either, and the little tots in the White House did not come out Mansion were crowded with family parties taking refuge from the cold, and it was necessary to take unusual precautions with the furniture. Rather an unsatisfactory holiday taken altogether.

White's seat in the Senate, can toss a coin in | why the subject need be reopened now, and the air and bore it with a bullet from a pistol think any attempt to negotiate a new treaty two times out of three. Occasionally he drops | will result in letting down the bars to a free ininto a Washington shooting-gallery and sur- flux of Chinese labor. Senator Perkins says prises the spectators with his bull's-eye accu- that unless the treaty be amended it will prove racy. Only one man ever challenged Mr. very injurious to California and the whole Blanchard to a duel, and he withdrew the country as well, opening wide the door to the challenge as soon as he heard of his opponent's immigration of Chinese laborers under the reputation as a shot.

The proposed amendment to the preamble of passage before it is ratified in the Senate. the Constitution "acknowledging the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations" was of Gen. Neal Dow's birthday a story was told to lie on the table, the only dissenting voice | rebel prison. After some months he was extive W. A. Stone, of Pennsylvania.

The War Records Division of the War Department do not think any practical result will come from the attempt which it is said will soon be made to correct history by a visit of the Third Division of the Army of the Tennessee to the field of Shiloh. In the official reports of the first day's battle Gen. Grant stated that the division was led by such a circuitous route that it did not reach the scene of battle in time to be of any use. Gen. Lew Wallace was relieved of his command in consequence. Not until Gen, Grant, shortly before his death, characterized the matter to change history. It is thought by War Department officials that the Third Division will affairs at the World's Fair. Ethibits were find great difficulty 22 years after the battle case. in identifying the country, as it has become very wild and covered with a dense growth of

The Democrats have been having their innings in unseating incumbents belonging to the opposition party in the House. the early days of the 51st Congress, when the Republicans had a slight majority which they desired to increase, they officially beheaded Democratic members with sauvity and dispatch. It was in those days that Czar Reed used to count quorums whether or no, and andria Street Railway. The road proposes when the Democrats who crowded into the cloak-rooms to avoid voting came in sight again on the floor, lo and behold, another of National team. The other evening at the their number had been swept out of his seat. Democratic reception "Babe" Anson, the Chi-All last week the Democrats were trying to cago ball Captain, was present, and the Mary-Pennsylvania Railroad Company was back oust two Republicans. Somehow or other it is land Senator and he were noticed together, of the scheme, and the result would be a very hard to get a Democratic quorum these | chatting absorbedly over the National game, days, and the Speaker persistently refuses, past and present. despite the jibes of Mr. Reed, to count the said that patriotic feeling demanded a street. Republicans as they calmly remain in their railroad to Arlington. - Representative seats and say neither yea nor may. Speaker time and care spent in the framing of the Storer, of Ohio, to-day introduced in the Crisp has had enough worry to make him Bland seigniorage bill, it has been vetoed respectably hoary headed when he takes his seat Broadly speaking, the reasons given in the among the solons of the upper House.

But Mr. Crisp will not enter the Senate as business in this country, and that it would rob successor to Mr. Colquit, whatever he may do | the Treasury of gold. Comments by the silver later. Despite Gov. Northen's earnest desire men in Congress make it evident that freethat he should do so, he has declined the nom- coinage bills will be introduced and attempts ination. The Democratic moguls believe that | made to pass them as a result of the seigniorage ginia, Chairman of the Ways and Means at this time he is too much needed in the veto. Representative Henderson (N. C., D.) House, and Mr. Crisp's colleagues used their has already presented a bill for the coinage of influence against his accepting the honors offer- the silver seigniorage. The text of this is the ed. As tempting as was the surety of re-elec- same as the vetoed bill, with the second section tion to the Senate once in it, and the prospect | left out and some of the explanatory language of a position of ease and comfort away from of the first section. associates of Mr. Wilson. She assured them | the harassing influence of a noisy minority, and as uncertain as are the chances for the Democrats to hold the next House, the Speaker | will be passed. A majority of the silver men felt that it was his duty to stay where he was. of both parties have agreed upon a middle

a Capitol guide to a party of school girls from upon which a seigniorage bill will be allowed year or more than five years. out of town who were gazing down upon the to pass unvetoed is with accompanying author-House floor. It was only the Mississippi Rep. ity from Congress for the issuance of gold resentative, but several of the young women | bonds to provide enough of the yellow metal opened their eyes very wide, and one even to sustain the drain on the Treasury's gold threw up her hands as if she might scream, reserve anticipated as the effect of the proposed if the Schate might be compelled to adjourn | The guide did not know what to make of it, silver legislation. There must, therefore, be a nor did anyone else, until one of the excited | combination seigniorage and gold-bond bill in-TRUSSDAY, MARCH 28 .- Mr. Dockery, of Mis- young creatures exclaimed: "Is that the fa- troduced into the House, and it is understood mous Judge Lynch of the South-the one who I that this will be done. There are some among has condemned so many poor colored people?" the ranks of the silverites, however, who object The guide "caught on," and sorrowfully in- to the issue of gold bonds at all, and will make formed her that it was even so. With one a bitter fight. the Treasury." The object of the bill is to voice the young ladies declared that it was positively disgraceful, the Judge being allowed in Congress. And the rascally guide smiled

Charles H. J. Taylor, the colored man who very likely become Recorder of Deeds. This position has been held by many colored men. and as the Senate failed to confirm Mr. Taylor. the old order of things may be returned to, and books of the Government, instead of the Mr. Taylor may find himself at the head of a to the mill-hands of New England would Department whose liberal perquisites are the surely result. Their blandishments had little

Stewart Castle, the famous house whose erection marked the beginning of Washington's evolution from a mudhole, is advertised \$3,600 per annum. Mr. Brawley came from for sale, and Senator Stewart's friends are Meadville, Pa., and has been in service about wondering if he has lost another fortune. Mr. Stewart built this mansion in the days when the fashionable section of the city in which it Bureau, which audits all of the Postoffice stands was used as a joint common by the goats and ball players, and when he was a Senator of great wealth. When Mr. Stewart of the Ohio Chicksmauga Commission, sub- | left Washington the castle was rented, and for many years, until quite recently, was the home of the Chinese Embassy, When Mr. Stewart returned to the Senate his fortunes were again on the rise, and a year or two ago he served notice on the Chinese Minister to vacate the the result of active competition on the part | house, as the owner desired to rebuild, refurnish and reoccupy it. After the Chinamen had left it was claimed by Mr. Stewart that they reached. The average cost of the monu- had ruined nearly all the fine laces, the tapesments will be \$1,500, exclusive of foundations. tries and the furniture generally by neglect The contracts will call for erections on the and carelessness, and a suit was brought to recover damages. Now a big wooden sign in the probable that Senator Harris's plan will rewhich is to cost \$6,000-in position at the front yard announces that the castle is for sale, | ceive careful consideration in the Senate. and the owner is living in a modest house on a

Sam Small came to town last week. The famous evangelist is back in journalistic harness, where he has won great honors. He was a clever writer of dialect negro humorous sketches. He is now engaged in editorial work at Oklahoma City, Okla. He thinks Oklahoma is a great Territory, and will make a great to be admired. The parlors of the Executive than 11 States of the Union, and in area is State. It has now more population, he says, greater than Indiana.

There is considerable opposition manifested to the Chinese treaty now under consideration by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Mitchell and Senator Dolph both op-Senator Blanchard, who will occupy Justice pose it. The Republicans see no good reason guise of "merchants." The discussion so far indicates that the treaty will have a rough

At the temperance celebration here in honor Inally disposed of by the House Committee on of an episode of the veteran temperance agi-Judiciary last week. The committee by a tator's war record. He was once captured while viva-voce vote decided to allow the resolution | asleep in a house in the South, and sent to a against such action being that of Representa- changed for an officer of equal rank, who was no less a personage than Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

York Academy of Medicine's National Quarantine Committee, which prepared the bill, and others were present. The proposed bureau is to consist of a Commissioner of Public Health and Advisory Council. The duties of the bureau are to collect and diffuse information upon matters affecting the public health, the collection of information with regard to the prevalence of contagious and epidemic diseases in this and other countries, and the preparation of rules and regulations for securing the best sanitary condition of vessels from foreign ports, and for the prevention of the introduction and spread of infectious diseases in the United States. The from each State.

Senate, and will soon come up in the House. Forty years now has this been urged before Congress. The last official action taken on it was a veto by President Harrison. The property which McGarrahan claims is an island on the coast of California, near San Francisco, which he avers was ceded to him by Mexico prior to our annexation of California. By treaty regulations he has always claimed the island remained in his possession after the annexation. rather severely was any serious attempt made | But other people occupied it, and quicksilver mines were discovered and operated. Now he wants the Court of Claims to adjudicate the

> The Democrats had a redhot time opening their Headquarters of the Congressional Campaign Committee at Wormley's Hotel Annex last week. A reception, attended by all the leading public men in the city, almost every Democratic member of both Houses of Congress, the Secretaries of State, War, Interior, and the Postoffice Department, was held, and the guests were treated royally. The Headquarters will be open now until the close of the campaign, and active work has commenced.

Senator Gorman used to be a vigorous and skillful baseball player in the days of the old

After hour upon hour of filibustering and veto message are that the measure was loosely drawn, and that it would retard the revival of

And yet it is probable that a compromise bill course. It has been given them to understand "There's Judge Lynch," suddenly remarked from the White House that the only terms

Modern Hebes and reincarnated Junos, dainty blondes, and stately brunets came down from the hills of New England last week and bearded their den. They wanted to make them promthe Senate. These ladies represented the great mills of the North, in which they are all wage-earners. They urged that the bill would effect upon the Senators, and it is to be feared they so devoutly hoped for.

Harris will be a stumbling-block in the way itself how it will elect." of its passage if the Senate does not coincide with his views. The bill now stands in an interesting position, with a motion pending to reconsider the vote by which the Mahone lot amendment was agreed to. Senator Harris is in favor of the present site. He thinks that by tearing down that portion of the building standing that which is yet in good condition, the old shell may be replaced by a new addition, and the result will be a splendid structure, perfectly secure and of ample dimensions for years to come. Just when the bill will come up again is not known, but it is very

There has been a great amount of grumbling Palmer has not been removed from office. The fact that he has not is regarded as a high com-

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Doctors galore thronged the halls of the Capi- pliment to his administration. Others, howtol the other day in attendance upon a hearing | ever, claim that the delay is due to the difficulty by the House Committee on Interstate and in selecting a man from among the host of Foreign Commerce upon the bill establishing Democrats eager for the place and its patrona Bureau of Public Health within the Depart- | age. However, with the appointment of the ment of the Interior. Members of the New | former Public Printer, Mr. Benedict, the grumblers must hold their peace.

There has been a movement started in this city in the interest of cremation. This method of disposing of the dead, while devoid of the traditional sentiment that usually accompanies the consigning of the dear departed to the arms of Mother Earth, whence the burial rites declare they came and to which they must return, is yet the most satisfactory method, viewed in a common-sense light and regardful of the welfare of the community. They may not be pleasant thoughts that one is forced to entertain in giving up one's friends or rela-Advisory Council is to consist of one member | tives to the white heat of a crematory, but are they not infinitely better than the consequences, which we must also consider, of burial The old McGarrahan claim has passed the according to the established custom? The ancient means are unsanitary and out of place in the midst of a wise civilization.

> Washington is entertaining a candy exposition. Dyspepsia will now become fashionable in social circles, and our pretty girls will revel in sweetmeats to their hearts' content.

At this writing it is believed that all is not well in the Hawaiian Islands; that trouble is imminent in consequence of renewed efforts to bring about the restoration of Queen Liliuokolani. Unofficial assurances have been given the leaders that they may count on the passive encouragement of the English and Japanese diplomatic representatives at Honolulu, inspired by feeling that the United States cannot consistently oppose any movement so directly in accord with the policy and utterances of the present Administration. Although it is denied, it is believed that that is the reason Admiral Walker departed in such hot haste for Hawaii last week. We have had a good deal of trouble with Hawaii lately, and it is to be

It is a significant fact that there is held in Washington \$11,500,000 worth of taxable property by 150 owners who are either casual residents or adopted citizens of the National Capital. They are of that class that seeks this city as a place of residence owing to its attractiveness, or as a place of investment owing to the increasing value of real estate. In this group are 31 members and ex-members of Congress, Cabinet officers and Justices of the Supreme Court. Three of the railroads having offices in this city pay taxes on over a million dollars' worth of property, and, besides, there are eight estates, represented by trustees, whose holdings average nearly half a million apiece. Insurance, investment and other companies hold many thousands dollars in real estate, and the remainder is in the hands of private parties.

Mr. Pigott, of Connecticut, proposes to sheer off the effects of the missives of anonymous letter-writers, than whom there are no more detestable persons on earth. He has introduced a bill in the House making it the duty of every person in the employ of the Government who person other than the writer of the letter, to other person. Violation of this will be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, and imprisonment for not less than a

Representative Bryan argued , ore the committee having his joint resolution in charge, upon an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of Senators by the vote of the people. Mr. Bryan favored leaving it optional with each State to accept or reject popular elections of Senators. He did not believe a compulsory plan could be carried, as the Senate would not agree to it unless there was some provision preventing Federal influence in the elections. "I believe that there is a great public demand for this thing," said Mr. Bryan; "vet I know that it will be combatted. Therefore, I am anxious to adopt the proposition most likely to be acceptable to both sides of the the lions of the Senate Finance Committee in | House. If you once give the people the right to elect their Senators, I do not believe that was nominated for Minister to Bolivia, will ise to keep the Wilson tariff bill from passing right can ever be taken from them. The amendment which we propose gives to both sides a fair chance. It does not take from the South and from those who fear a force bill any safeguard rain them if it became a law; that starvation | which they have now. If a force bill should come and an attempt be made to apply it to the election of United States Senators, they are free under this amendment to go back to the electhat their long journey will not bring the result | tion of Senators by their State Legislatures and have every security they have to-day. And if, on the other hand, there are those who are in The long-looked-for Government Printing favor of the Government controlling elections Office for Washington is not yet in sight. This | in the States, I say to them that in this measure week the Senate is considering the tariff to they are not yielding up a single right that the exclusion of all other measures, and the they have to-day. If you adopt this measure, printing-office bill is one of them. Senator it gives each State the right to determine for

> Col. William Lamb, of Fort Fisher fame, and prominent in his State commercially, politically, and industrially, is in Washington. He says that in the face of the Walton election law, which he claims is a virtual disfranchisement of the Republicans of Virginia, he inwhich is unquestionably unsafe, and leaving | tends to revive the Whig party in Virginia this Spring after the May elections, and to call to that standard all in favor of protecting Virginia in the tariff, in favor of bimetalism as against the gold standard of the present Administration, in favor of Federal assistance to liberal education, and a liberal construction of the Constitution in fostering our agricultural and commercial interests, and maintaining the Army and Navy, and enforcing the Monroe Doctrine in our foreign relations. The among the politicians because Public Printer | Colonel's platform is large enough and many of its planks are sound enough to enable it to hold the whole together and support his rejuvenated party.

Col. John Tracey, Superintendent of Charities, is a spellbinder of force and eloquence. "Tim" Campbell, of New York, however, got even with him in a very few remarks the other day. Tim started for the room of the Committee on Appropriations to see Senator Gor-

"You can't go in now, sir; there is a meeting," said the Doorkeeper. "It's Senator Gorman's orders."

"Why," ejaculated Tim, "what's going on?" "Col. Tracey's making a speech." "Then," exclaimed Tim, with a flourish of his hand, "God knows I don't want to go in."

VETERANS IN THE CITY. Col. I. N. Walker, 73d Ind., Indianapolis, Ind. Col. Walker is the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and also the Chairman of the National G. A.R. Pension Committee, a position which he filled so acceptably last year that Commanderin-Chief Adams insisted on his continuing in it. All comrades will remember the magnificent report he presented to the National En-

campment at Indianapolis. He now holds the

Indispensable. [Kate Field's Washington.] Mrs. West Field-I saw your husband flirting with a girl coming over on the ferry the other day.

Mrs. Greenfield Lake-I know it and he's beats going without help.

office of State Tax Commissioner.



Among all the busy women to-day who are cooking, cleaning, nursing, gardening, marketing, laughing, weeping, studying, exploring, reforming, shopping, sewing, frivoling, singing and making music, it is very difficult to remember the women of the Catholic Church whose prayers, fasting and penances are their en-

tire service. The world seems too busy for them. It is a surprise to discover that there is a Convent of Perpetual Adoration in noisy New York City. This is the order that Victor Hugo describes so wonderfully and that he thought dying out at the beginning of this century, so severe were its duties that it repelled and did not find many anxious novices. The order is not so very ancient. It was in 1649 that the sacrament was twice desecrated by rude soldiers in two different churches in the city of Paris. Two pious women who thought the ordinary priestly processions and incantations insufficient to satisfy God for the insult done his service, did institute, and with their moneys build, a convent which should be for the continual adoration of God and reparation for this offense.

The nuns of this order fast all the year round, with unusual fasting for Lent and the many special days; they abstain from meat; they rise from their first sleep, which is from 1 until 3 in the morning, to chant matins; they sleep in all seasons between serge sheets and on straw; make no use of the bath; never have a fire, and scourge themselves every Friday; they observe the rule of silence, speaking only during the brief recreation hours; wear drugfeared that we have not had all we may have. get chemises for six months in the year, and only put them off during the Summer because the heat and irritation together gave them violent fevers and nervous spasms. They never see any man except the Archbishop of the diocese; they never leave the convent and never see their friends or relatives, except from behind close gratings, and then only at long intervals and for a few minutes.

But, then, their service, besides fasting and penance. Always there is a nun before the early morning until 4 in the afternoon, or from dawn again, a woman kneels on the stones be- | ing no perpendicularity whatever, but clinging fore the Holy Sacrament. She has a rope around her neck and her hands are clasped. She prays for the whole world's guilt, for all the faults, violations, dissensions, for all the crimes committed on earth. When kneeling becomes unendurable she throws herself prostrate with her arms outstretched outlining a dark human cross and prays for the wickedness of the world to be forgiven. She would not turn nor cease praying were the walls to crumble in around her.

Another way to keep the women from becoming worldly is to prohibit any individual receives an anonymous letter relating to any ownership of things. It is always "our vail." immediately destroy it; and prohibiting the are not permitted to grow fond of anything. receiver from imparting the contents to any Even the resaries are changed every year to prevent earthly attachments, and the cell doors are always kept open. When the hours strike, the salutation comes from every lip, "At 5 o'clock and at all hours praised and adored be the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar," or at 8 o'clock it is "At 8 o'clock and at all hours,"

Victor Hugo says: "These nuns are not gay and rosy and fresh as the daughters of other orders often are. They are pale and grave. Between 1825 and 1830 three of them went

"On the day when a novice makes her profession she is dressed in her kandsomest attire. she is crowned with white roses, her hair is brushed until it shines, and curled. Then she prostrates herself; a great black vail is thrown over her and the office for the dead is sung. The nuns separate in two files, one file passes close to her, saying in plaintive accents, "Our sister is dead;" and the other file responds | Then it can always be relied upon to keep its in eestacy, "Our sister is alive in Jesus place.

And thus do these women keep up the perpetual adoration, and surely God will find in their lives the true and forgive the useless, as he will forgive the frivolity and reward the earnestness of the busy women of the world.

A woman's paper in England took a vote among its subscribers as to what was the greatest grievance women have. The returns are

"One law for a man and another for a Absence of good servants...... 14 Smallness of women's wages compared

with men's..... 12 That men refuse to take women seriously... The overcrowded state of the female labor market..... The absence of a grievance..... . .

has always been the whose gowns were numbered with the lesser numerals. It is a gown she can wear to funerals, or calling, to teas, or to church. With turning, skillful cutting, and trimming, it can be freshened again and again and always look respectable. Of course black is a gloomy

and unbecoming color under many circumstances, but it is useful. Another rich dark color, more becoming, might be selected, but then it is not, and that's all there is to it. It is suggested as a good plan to put a piece of silk through a series of tests before spending | Aldrich effeminate. The remark was repeated

much money for it and its making, even if to the poet, who replied: "So I am, compared one has to buy a small piece, an eighth of a with her." yard, to try it. Black silk is subject to many frauds; the dye may rot the threads, or it may be weighted to make it seem handsomer or have a firmer look, when it has really a very slenzy weave.

To test it tear both ways. It ought be firm enough to resist your strength. Rub the threads with the thumb-nail; if they separate easily, the weaving is done poorly. Burn a bit of it. Good silk will catch and burn slowly, and make black ashes. Adulterated silk lights quickly and smolders away, and cotton will betray itself by the odor.

In a thoroughly characteristic story, "Mother's Revolt," Mary Wilkins has told of the hardworking mother who was patient and enduring until her farmer husband began breaking ground for a fine spacious barn for his alreadywell-housed cattle and horses, his house being poor, little and shabby. She revolted and changed the new barn into a comfortable home-but that is the story. There is another | and composition of their parties. story going the rounds of the papers quite equal to it in interest. A Maine woman who had always fulfilled all her duties as house ing from nervous debility, weakness, will inand farm wife hung up her dishcloth one morn- tion of a genuine certain cure free of cost, got to keep it up; it may be tough, but it ing and announced, "I am not going to do No humbug. No deception. Address T. C.



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The new straw hats this season are dainty and becoming, for the shapes vary from neat little turbans to graceful wide brimmed leghorus. Several are pictured. The initial cut is a dark-blue rough straw. The hat is small, and not elaborate in trimming. The brim is faced with dark-blue velvet, and the trimming a twist of blue gros-grain ribbon round the crown, a small four or five looped bow in front and two prettily-curled black tips standing straight, "Prince of Wales" fashion, in front The back is turned up under a small bow o

wide brimmed round bat, trimmed

the ribbon caught with little jet pins.



with a stiff bow put through a fs ey buckle, and fu ther ornamented with : all red rose standing ap straight from the exact center of the low. and other big red ose caught in more carelessly with the loops, is a very stylish head covering. The last hat

is a little brown one, with a brown velvet band around the crown and two narrow velvet facings under the brim. A perky satin wired bow. with a knot of violets caught in way down cross praying. For 12 hours, from 4 in the next to the hair, is the trimming, except for the two bunches of violets in front, quite wide that hour through the twilight, night and early | apart like the Mercury trimmings, only boast-

A very dainty Easter hat is of brown straw, trimmed with blue and a touch of yellow. The brim is cut in the back, but is not turned up against the hat. Pale-blue chiffon is gathered in a double frill around the crown, the ruffle falling to the edge of the brim and framing the face quite softly and indistinctly. The chiffon ruffle is caught in a little cascade that falls over the hair in the back. The trimming otherwise is quite simple, a bow of brown ribbon wired to stand up in the back and bunches of forgetme-nots caught in the chiffon. There are a "our rosary," "our bed," never "my." They few very golden cowslips put in with the forget-me-nots in an unexpected but very pleasing fashion. The hat as pictured has the ruffle of lace, but the double frill of chiffon is much prettier and younger. The lace in black softens a hat for an older face. A black hat trimmed with pale-blue chiffon and ribbon and forget-me-nots is very stylish and pretty.

* * The blouse waist will soon be a thing of the past, unless women stop wearing it so carelessly. When the skirt and waist fail to make connections with the belt the costume is as slouchy as the Mother Hubbard wrappers that have become a synonym for slovenliness.

Overhanging blouses have become quite a fad. They are made with a fitted lining shorter than the outside, of course.

For slender hipless women, to whom the blouses are so becoming, it is an excellent idea to hang the dress skirt to a thin cambric waist.

Now is the time to leave off heavy eating, bathe more than ever and clean up generally.

A "Ram's Horn Wrinkle" is: "The cholera is one way God has of showing us that he hates

... Women in England have not yet the Parliamentary vote. In local matters they have equal suffrage with the men, as the right to vote depends on the

payment of taxes. To vote any man or woman must own and occupy premises and pay certain rates on them. So in reality only the widows and spinsters who have independent real estate are the usual woman voters. However, there is much agitation toward a univer-

sal suffrage measure to be passed through Parliament. Strange enough, most of the support will come from the Conservative party. But this party has the enthusiastic, energetic support of the "Primrose League" ladies, and it would be unprofitable as well as discourteous to not support a universal suffrage measure when it comes up. The women are not push ing the matter, however, but are leaving England in quiet to settle its other measures that demand immediate attention. . . .

A noted bluestocking of Boston remarked to a friend that she thought Thomas Bailey

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N. J.: The annual Reunion of survivors of the Third Corps, and the 31st annual banquet of the Third Corps Union, will be held at the city of Washington, beginning on Friday, May 4, and ending on Saturday, May 5, the anniversary of the battle of Williamsburg. Railway fare for the round-trip will be one fare

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